

Friday, May 15, 2020

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

In attendance: BH, WB, DM, SQ, EQ, DG, LM, RS, MP, SL, CB

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson.....	Wanda Banks
Vice Chairperson.....	Dan Martin
Secretary.....	E.J. Quinn
OT Member.....	Caitlin Brogan
OT Member.....	Rae-Ann Smith
OTA Member.....	Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member.....	Marilyn Pierre

Staff

Executive Director.....	Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....	Bethan Hagaa
Compliance Officer.....	Denise Goetz

Guests

MOTA Representative.....	Sonia Lawson
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1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of May General Session Agenda. Ms. Murray asked the announcement involving the June Board Meeting be removed from the agenda. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve with revisions. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of April General Session Minutes. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Ms. Pierre seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 13 OTs and 5 OTAs from April's Executive Session. Ms. Pierre made a motion. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'20
Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. Renewals
 - a. As of Thursday night, 492 OTs and 89 OTAs have renewed.
 - b. Fingerprinting is still required for renewals if the Board does not already have a set from a former application.
 - i. Ms. Banks said that many fingerprinting sites are still open.
 - c. Another bulletin was sent out, reminding licensees that the staff is teleworking, and postcards will not be sent.
 - i. Licensees who need a registration code should email Ms. Murray or the mdotboard.user account.
 - ii. Licensees who still have their usernames and passwords should not need their registration codes.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

1. Dry Needling Regulation Development: Daniel Martin, Ph.D.

- a. Ms. Murray suggested tabling this for now. Mr. Martin agreed for a couple of months.
- b. Ms. Lawson said that Ms. Faulkner has been following what PT has been doing with dry needling and will let her know our decision.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R

Staff: Denise Goetz

1. Nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary

Nothing to report.

5. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Daniel Martin, Ph.D.

Staff: Lauren Murray

1. Inquiry from May 5, 2020: Former licensee wants to know how to complete in-person hours and canceled coursework during the COVID-19 crisis,
- a. Ms. Murray heard that webinar courses are considered in-person.
 - b. Ms. Banks thinks that those courses should be fine and teletherapy should be fine.
 - i. Ms. Brogan agreed.
 - c. Ms. Quirk asked if all of the courses can be done online.
 - i. Mr. Martin said that yes, they can be done online.

- ii. Ms. Hagaa said that some Boards have regulations regarding in-person courses, but we do not have regulations regarding this.
 - iii. Ms. Murray will send out a bulletin about this.
- 2. Inquiry from May 8, 2020: OT student could not finish level II fieldwork and wants to know if he should apply to be an OTA instead.
 - a. Ms. Smith said that this goes to NBCOT. She should be able to take the exam soon and may want to apply for a temporary license.
 - b. The Board is confused as to how she has graduated without the completion of the fieldwork. Ms. Murray will send an email.
 - c. Ms. Smith said it is not possible to take the COTA exam.
- 3. Inquiry from April 30, 2020: An agency is asking an OT to perform teletherapy on a DC student residing in Maryland but is asking her to be trained on DC in-processing and documentation.
 - a. Ms. Banks said that she can practice on the child if she is in Maryland. However, the Board cannot opine on what she should do about the training and documentation.
 - b. Ms. Murray will suggest that she reach out to the DC OT Board.
- 4. Inquiry from April 28, 2020: What are the requirements to use diathermy?
 - a. Mr. Martin said that it is an electromagnetic modality. There is not a specific set of educational requirements, but she must be properly trained before using it. Mr. Martin also suggested shadowing.
- 5. Inquiry from April 24, 2020: Can an OT supervise a home health aide?
 - a. Mr. Martin and Ms. Banks said that the “aide” in regulations does not refer to home health aides.
 - b. Ms. Murray will refer them to the list in the regulations.
- 6. Inquiry from April 23, 2020: Can an out of state licensee do telehealth consultation to a Maryland resident?
 - a. Ms. Banks said that they still need to be licensed in Maryland.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Due to social distancing requirements, Board meetings will be held via Google Meet until October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.